

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the many courtesies extended to Applicant's representative in the course of a personal interview conducted May 28 2003. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks. Specifically, the specification is amended to comply with the Examiner's helpful suggestions made during the interview.

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification is amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-15 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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